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ACSI Presentation to Army Policy Council on Soviet Military Expenditures

1. Mr. Baxter Wood of the Material Branch, Technical Division, Directorate of Foreign Intelligence, ACSI, US Army, made the attached presentation to the Army Policy Council on Wednesday, 10 December 1953.

2. The presentation was so well received that the Secretary, his assistants and the general officers kept him afterward for an unprecedented 45 minutes to answer a variety of questions. As a result of the questions, ACSI is preparing a more detailed presentation to provide the group with greater depth and understanding on the subject.

3. We have held informal discussions and have agreed tentatively that we can furnish them with what they need for this second exercise. However, I did stipulate that we should like to have a written request because the job will probably cost us about two man-weeks of research. I am advised that Col. Persons, Chief of the Technical Division, has already complied and that we should be receiving his letter shortly.

4. When you have finished with the attachment I would appreciate its return.

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